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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman; Mark Acton, Vice Chairman; and Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices Global Plus 2C Contracts (MC2012-5) Negotiated Service Agreement Docket No. CP2013-36

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF IN GLOBAL PLUS 2C CONTRACT NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

(Issued January 10, 2014)

On January 2, 2014, the Postal Service filed a Motion concerning a modification (Modification One) of the Global Plus 2C Contract negotiated service agreement approved in Docket No. CP2013-36 (Agreement).¹ Modification One extends the Agreement's expiration date from January 12, 2014 to February 28, 2014 and amends Article 15, Postage Updates.²

In support of its Motion, the Postal Service states that it intends to initiate a new rate docket in which it will file a successor to the Agreement, but in the interest of

¹ Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification One to a Global Plus 2C Contract Negotiated Service Agreement, January 2, 2014 (collectively, Motion).

² Motion at 1. See also United States Postal Service Response to Order No. 1629 Concerning Effective Date of Global Plus 2C Contract Negotiated Service Agreement, January 24, 2013.

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continuity of pricing and other terms and conditions, asks that the Agreement remain on the Mail Classification Schedule, as amended by the terms set forth in Modification One.

Motion at 1-2.

The Commission grants the Motion. Granting the relatively brief extension is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person. The brief extension will not materially affect cost coverage. In any event, the anticipated successor docket provides an avenue for addressing pricing-related matters.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed

January 2, 2014, is granted.

2. The Agreement, as amended, is authorized to remain in the Mail Classification

Schedule through February 28, 2014.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove, Secretary